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tributed twenty copies. The last paragraph is worth the price of the whole book." It is refreshing to hear of a man giving twenty copies of a valuable peace book to his friends, all the more when it is so eminently valuable a book as the "Arbiter in Council." This work was published in London two years ago anonymously, but it is no longer a secret that its author was Francis W. Hirst, editor of the London *Economist*. Copies of this work may still be had at the office of the American Peace Society. Mr. Solberg is a life member of the American Peace Society. We commend his example to all our members. There is something *special* that every member can do; if not in a large way, then in a smaller but no less important way.

News from the Field.

Arthur Derrin Call, principal of the Second North School, Hartford, president of the Connecticut State Peace Society, has been giving addresses on international peace at various places in Connecticut.

The Arbitration Committee of the Columbus (Ohio) Board of Trade announces, through its chairman, Mr. W. A. Mahony, that it will, during 1909, continue its campaign of educating public sentiment to an appreciation of the necessity of the pacific settlement of international differences in a World Court of Justice. The committee consists, besides Mr. Mahony, of E. A. Jones, State School Commissioner, Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the State University, Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, E. O. Randall, George D. Jones, J. A. Jeffrey and Robert E. Sheldon.

The American Branch of the Association for International Conciliation, whose headquarters are in New York City, Sub-Station 84, filed incorporation papers at Albany on January 19. The purpose of the Association is to record the history of organized efforts for promoting international peace and relations of comity and good fellowship between nations. The directors are: President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia, Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott, James Speyer, Richard Watson Gilder, Seth Low, Congressman Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis, Stephen H. Olin of Rhinebeck, ex-Ambassador Andrew D. White of Ithaca, and Robert A. Franks of Orange, N. J.

Dr. William G. Hubbard, a vice-president of the American Peace Society, addressed a large union service of the churches of Goldsboro, N. C., on the evening of Peace Sunday, on the subject, "The United States Does Not Need a Big Navy." The address was highly spoken of by the local papers. Dr. Hubbard also gave an address some days afterwards on the same subject at the Friends' Meeting House, Washington, D. C., which was declared to be interesting, moderate in tone and thoroughly convincing. While in Washington, Dr. Hubbard gave an address on the World Peace Movement before five hundred students of Howard University.

The Committee on Business Organizations of the Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference has just issued, through

the permanent Secretary, H. C. Phillips, a four-page statement on the "Progress of International Arbitration." This is its first Bulletin sent out to business men. Copies of the Bulletin and further information on the work of the Mohonk Conference may be had by application to the Secretary at Mohonk Lake, Ulster County, N. Y. Bulletin No. 2 sent out by the Committee contains a condensed statement of the work of the second Hague Conference.

The Standing Committee of the French Peace Societies has decided to observe the 22d of February this year by a banquet. The Committee has chosen Reims as the place where the sixth French National Peace Congress will be held, and has fixed the 30th of May as the date of the opening of the Congress.

Brevities.

. . . On January 7 Secretary Root signed arbitration treaties with Ecuador, Bolivia and Hayti, and the Senate ratified treaties with the Argentine Republic and Salvador.

. . . The College of the City of New York, on the suggestion of Mr. H. C. Phillips, secretary of the Mohonk Arbitration Conference, has decided to have an "Arbitration Day" as a regular feature of the college calendar. The day will probably be the 18th of May, and Prof. Walter E. Clark, who will have charge of the arrangements, intends to make the day a notable event.

. . . Dr. James DeNormandie, minister of the First Church, Roxbury, Boston, in sending his signature to the remonstrance against the further increase of the navy, writes: "Our people are navy mad. It is the greatest reproach upon our civilization to be spending such vast sums in this wild rivalry of the richest nations of the world. I wish I could speak with a thousand tongues against it."

. . . Prof. Charles Zueblin, speaking on "Church and State" at the Central Congregational Church, Boston, on January 24, said, among other things: "We are told by some people that the more battleships we have the less danger there is of war. I cannot follow that argument. Until the appropriation of \$20,000,000 for two battleships was passed this year there was talk of war with Japan. After that the war talk ceased. Are we to have war with Japan invited in order that the jingoistic, brutal spirit may be cultivated? Seven nations of Europe spent last year for navies and armies \$1,350,000,000. That would teach every child under fourteen years of age in all those nations a useful occupation and leave enough over to give a pension to every man over sixty-five."

. . . At the annual banquet of the Netherlands Society in Philadelphia, January 22, Dr. Loudon, the Netherlands minister, declared that universal peace was a dream impossible of realization. Gen. Horace Porter disagreed with him. He expressed the hope that the Hague Tribunal might some time bear to nations the same relation that the Supreme Court of this country bears to the several States. Then, he said, the world would have universal and perpetual peace.